

Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

My name is Paul Pendergast. I reside in Bloomfield, and I am honored to be here before you as a nominee of Governor Rell to serve as a member of the Gaming Policy Board. I was first appointed to the Board in 2006 in fulfillment of a previous member's term. I was honored to be reappointed to the Board in 2007, and, as I have stated, I am honored to be before you again as a nominee for reappointment.

I know you have been furnished with my resume, so I will keep my statement fairly brief. I am currently the President of the St. Francis Hospital Foundation and a Senior Vice President for St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Prior to joining the great team at St. Francis, I worked for eight years in the Athletics Department for the University of Connecticut Huskies, primarily in Marketing and Fundraising. Most of my professional career was in the employment of the IBM Corporation, working in several management capacities domestically and internationally.

I have served my country as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force during the Viet Nam War.

I have a Political Science degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and have done work towards my MBA.

I have served in various local boards and commissions in Simsbury, CT; I have been a youth coach in soccer and basketball and have volunteered for a myriad of community activities too numerous to mention at this time.

My service on the Gaming Policy Board has been an honor and I believe that the work of the Board in ensuring the integrity of our authorized gaming activities, currently returning over \$700 million to the State General Fund, is very important.

I have personally learned a great deal about our activities, including the State Lottery, system of Off-Track Betting, Charitable Games, and the Tribal Casinos. I believe my professional background has been beneficial in my consideration of issues addressed by the Division of Special Revenue and the Board.

I have been honored and it has been a pleasure to be associated with my fellow Board members and with the Division's Executive Director Paul Young and his staff. Connecticut is very fortunate to have a very experienced group of veterans at Special Revenue, who have served for years and possess institutional knowledge that is extremely helpful.

The Board has various responsibilities; however, I have enjoyed keeping abreast of the Division's regulatory activities, tracking the sales and handles of the authorized forms of gaming, approving the implementation of Off-Track Betting plans, and hearing appeals of license denials taken under the statutes.

That concludes my remarks Mr. Chairman/Madam Chairman. I would certainly be pleased to respond to questions, if any.